



Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade

You are invited to attend a town hall meeting on ***Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade***, a draft document that outlines the national ocean research priorities for the United States for the next ten years. The town hall meeting will be held:

**1:20 - 2:20 pm
September 12, 2006
Crowne Plaza, Olympic 2 Room**

**American Fisheries Society 136th Annual Meeting
Lake Placid, NY**

Members from the research community, ocean educators, government representatives (federal, state, tribal, and local), industry groups, international representatives, non-governmental organizations, and any interested individuals are invited to attend.

Called for in the U.S. Ocean Action Plan and developed by the Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (JSOST), this draft document, along with a follow-on Implementation Strategy, will describe a vision for U.S. ocean science and technology, highlight key areas of interaction of our society and the ocean, and identify critical ocean research priorities for these areas. This draft document will be available for public review late summer 2006.

Additional conference presentations and regional public briefings on the national ocean research priorities will be held across the country during the next few months. A developing list of the presentations and briefings is located at:

http://ocean.ceq.gov/about/sup_jsost_orpp_outreach.html

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